

WHEREAS, Madison is a community that includes approximately 5000 citizens aged 60 and older; and

WHEREAS, the older adults in Madison are among our most “treasured resources,” united by historical experiences, strengthened by diversity, and interpreting events through varied perspectives and backgrounds to bring wisdom and insight to our community; and

WHEREAS, increasing numbers of adults are reaching retirement age and remaining strong and active for longer than ever before; and

WHEREAS, the older adults in Madison deserve recognition for the contributions they have made and will continue to make to the culture, economy, and character of our community and our nation; and

WHEREAS, we have a vibrant community of older Americans in Madison; and

WHEREAS, older Madisonians that volunteer in various organizations as well as remain involved in social organizations are vital to our success;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Damon Welch, Mayor of the City of Madison, Indiana do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2012 to be

#### OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

in Madison. I urge all Madison residents to take time this month to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and volunteers who care for many of them. I hope all citizens will join me in showing our support and appreciation for these treasured individuals who have contributed so much in our lives and our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Madison to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.